

# **CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009**

## **CALIFORNIA TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM**

### **DRAFT Highlights from Meeting, July 20, 2009, in Sacramento**

The eighth meeting of the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team (PT) took place in Sacramento on July 20, 2009. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) review the draft fundraising plan and proposed briefing paper development process, (2) identify potential keynote speakers and panelists, and initial contact process, (3) review proposals for conference planning services, and (4) plan targeted outreach, publicity, and communication efforts.

#### **News & Outstanding Business**

Targeted outreach continues for tribes and organizations. The Team chose a logo for the brochure and poster that best represented the diversity of the state's tribes. The design on the letterhead will remain for consistency.

#### **"Caucus" Session Discussion**

A concern was raised regarding the objective of the Day One caucus sessions during the Summit. The Team discussed whether it should be a dialogue between Tribal people to clarify positions and develop definitive recommendations, or a dialogue between Tribes and state agencies. The Team settled on have direct dialogue between Tribes and State agencies on both days. Overall, the PT concurred that everyone wants to see productive discussion and effective next steps as goals for the Summit. Necessary key elements were defined as dialogue, state policymakers listening, clarification of positions, and getting to solutions.

#### **Proposed Briefing Paper Development Process**

Confirmation is pending for some of the paper authors. The challenge for authors to write from a statewide perspective was noted, given California's size and diversity. The Team agreed that writers hired for the briefing papers should be expected to research and write from a statewide perspective.

#### **State Budget Status**

DWR remains committed to approximately 50% of the Summit cost (around \$65,000), in addition to supporting the Planning Team meetings. In light of the state furloughs, DWR pushed back the deadline for the final Water Plan Update 2009. The Team's deadline to include proceedings and results is now the end of January, and DWR will send out a new timeline as it becomes available.

#### **Next Steps**

The Team debated whether to have a check-in conference call before the next meeting. It was noted that it was hard for people to participate actively during conference calls and were not beneficial to having important discussions.